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## ALERT #124

TO: Department Controllers, Fiscal Officers and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: *Fiscal Rules on Meal Reimbursements Adopted - Effective October 1, 1999*  
*Limitation on Charging Late Fees*  
*COFRS Funds to Return to Full Control August 23, 1999*

### Fiscal Rules on Meal Reimbursements Adopted - Effective October 1, 1999

As a result of the August 3, 1999 hearing, the state controller has adopted a new schedule of high cost areas and worldwide meal reimbursement rates. A new tier of rates were added for high cost areas such as Aspen, Telluride and Vail. This tier varies slightly from the rate proposed in the notices.

Breakfast	\$ 9.50
Lunch	12.00
Dinner	<u>24.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$46.00</u>

These new schedules and rates will be effective October 1, 1999. The text of the rule amendment is available on our web site ( [www.sco.state.co.us](http://www.sco.state.co.us)). Copies of the change should be available from Central Stores after September 1, 1999.

### Limitation on Charging Late Fees

During the 1999 legislative session, House Bill 99-1048 was passed. This Act limits the amount a governmental entity may charge as a result of the late payment of an amount due and owing such entity. The two main provisions of the bill:

- Prevent the state from collecting delinquency charges on any amount due and paid in full within five days after the scheduled date; and
- No delinquency charge may exceed fifteen dollars or up to five percent per month not to exceed a total of twenty-five percent of the amount due, whichever is greater.

The bill is effective January 1, 2000 and applies to debts incurred on or after that date. The SCO and Central Collection Service are reviewing the bill to determine the potential impact of this bill on the state's processes for collecting delinquent accounts. State agencies and institutions of higher education may also want to review this bill to determine the impact on their systems.



*COFRS Funds to Return to Full Control August 23, 1999*

All funds except 471, 472, and higher education funds 311, 320, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 330, 340, 350, 371, 372, 373, 374 and 380 will return to full budgetary control on August 23, 1999. Please forward remaining budgetary requests (AP, TA) to your FAST representative as soon as possible to avoid last minute log jams.

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